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HALBERG TRUST APPOINTS NEW CEO

The Halberg Trust has appointed Geoff Burgess, currently Principal of Saint Kentigern School in Remuera to the position of Chief Executive.

Mr Burgess, who takes up his new role with the Halberg Trust in November, replaces Steve Hall who left last month to take up a new position in Queenstown.

The Halberg Trust was established in 1963—almost 50 years ago—by former Olympic 5,000m champion, Sir Murray Halberg, ONZ.MBE. It has since grown to become one of New Zealand's most respected not-for-profit organisations with the twin aims of honouring sporting excellence through the annual Halberg Awards, and linking people with a disability to sport—without exceptions.

Mr Burgess who has a distinguished career in education, with more than 30 years as a principal, the last 19 as head of St Kentigern School in Auckland, says it “is exciting to be offered the chance to lead such an iconic New Zealand organisation which has already made a big mark in the disability sector. It also ties in with my experience in fund raising, and the achievement of strategic targets.

“I am delighted to accept this wonderful opportunity that will exercise my skills in a challenging and rewarding environment. Working with the Halberg team is a privilege that will inspire me in my new role”.

Halberg Trust chairman Mike Jeffcoat says around 70 applications were received to fill the position. “Geoff stood out amongst some outstanding candidates, and we are confident that we have found a Chief Executive with great energy, vision, and above all the skills to not only continue the work we do but to heighten awareness about the Trust's disability sport activities.”

Halberg Trust National Manager, Nicki Turner will act as interim CEO of the Halberg Trust until Mr Burgess, commences in the role.

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